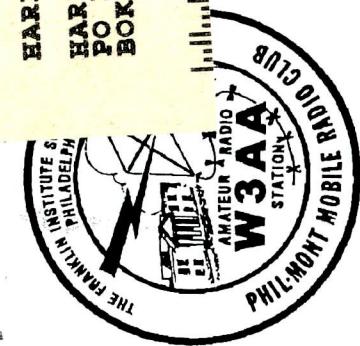


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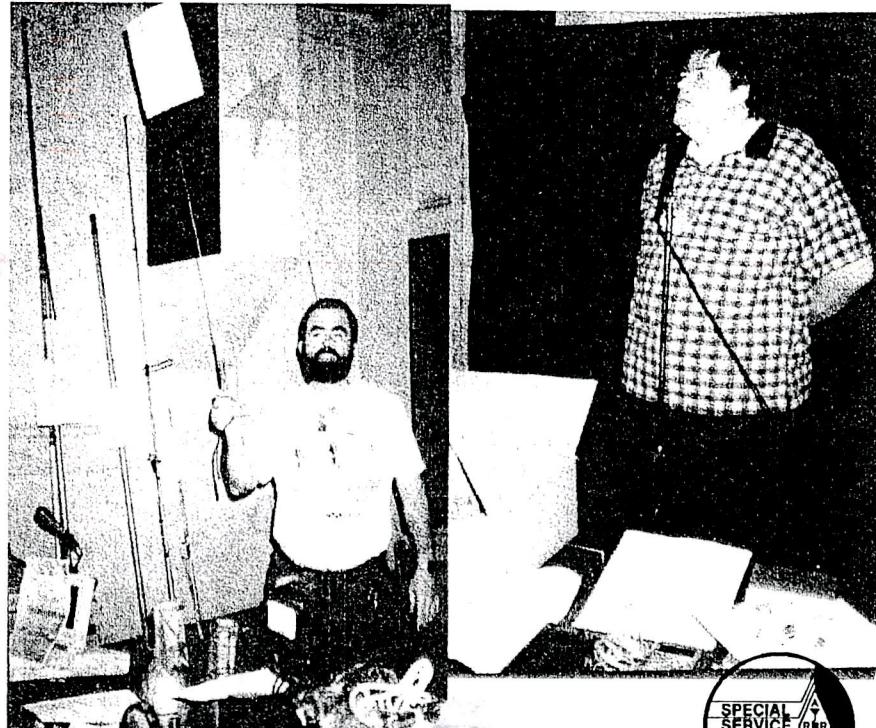
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CLUB INFORMATION

Mailing address: P.O. Box 88, Abington, PA 19001
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2-meter repeater: 147.03 MHz (Main site Roxborough receiver requires no PL, but transmits 91.5 Hz.)

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STATIONS

W3AA - (Formerly W3TKQ) The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee WU3I; Manager: W3STW

The club sponsors this world-class demonstration station, and welcomes all licensed amateurs to operate it.

W3AA packet BBS frequency: 144.99 MHz: w3aa@w3aa.#sepa.pa.usa.noam

W3AA e-mail: w3aa@phil-mont.org

W3EM - Field Day and special events station - Trustee W3VVS

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NET SCHEDULE

Sunday	09:30	147.03	MHzFM	"Sunday Morning 2 Meter Net
	10:00	28.393	(+ or - for QRM)	MHzSSB "10-on-10 Net"
	10:20	3.993	MHzSSB	75 Meter Net
Tuesday	20:00	147.03	MHzFM	CW Practice Net

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01- Charlotte Feierman (XYL K3EUI)

03- Barry Feierman - K3EUI

04- Eunice Bohlander (XYL W3VVS)

Carmen DeCicco - KE3QB*

05- Mike Concordia - WB3KAC

10- Sharon Masarsky - N3GLU

11- Jerry Russell - K3JR

14- Kay Russell (XYL K3JR)

17- Sam Smith - K3GBA

18- Bill Mannino - WA3NSP

Mim Roeshman (XYL W3LKI)

22- Janine Johnson - KB3AXQ

23- Gene DiNardi - N3XKE

Louise Newell (XYL W3UK)

24- Bill Biermann - NZ3Z

Barbara Ann Hagerty (XYL AA3BB)

Larry Pollack - N3VLC

26- Diane Frombach (XYL KA3LCF)

28- Roger Cox - K3TYB

*Indicates New Member 1998

HELP PHIL-MONT Are you planning to join ARRL or renew your current membership? Help P.M.R.C. by joining or renewing through the club... Mike Tannenbaum - K2BN for details.

DUES & DIRECTORY UPDATE DUES ARE DUE...FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PAID, THIS IS YOUR NEXT TO LAST BLURB & YOUR LAST CHANCE TO UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY INFORMATION. K2BN AWAITS YOUR MONEY! MEMBERSHIP STATS Will return in the April Blurb

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Net Control stations should read the following announcements before asking if there are any more announcements for the net.

- On February 3 the Director's meeting will be held at the home of N3DHI
- VE testing will be held on February 4 at 6:30 P.M. The 1999 ARRL VE test fee is \$6.45, but there is no charge for the Novice test

"DON'T TAILGATE... WAIT"—for the courtesy !

**PHIL-MONT
BIRTHDAYS
&
TID-BYTES**

Don Gordon
WB3KOJ



FCC warns alleged major amateur offenders

The FCC has issued strong warnings to two amateurs in Indiana and a third in New York who are on the Commission's top ten list of alleged major amateur offenders. The FCC's amateur enforcement point man, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, says the warning letters sent earlier this month are the last step before the FCC initiates formal enforcement proceedings. One case primarily involved malicious interference on VHF repeaters, while the other two involved interference to an HF net. "We have been cutting bait a while, now it's time for us to fish," said Hollingsworth, the legal advisor for enforcement within the FCC's Compliance and Information Bureau.

The FCC did not make the names or call signs public, but Hollingsworth said all those who received the letters were put on the FCC's Alert List with FCC field offices. "The Alert List is the FCC equivalent of an all-points bulletin," Hollingsworth explained. He said Field Office monitors would be making a special effort to listen for further violations by stations on the Alert List.

Since taking over Amateur Radio enforcement within the CIB last fall, Hollingsworth says he's sent out dozens of warning letters of a much milder nature. "Now, we're distilling that activity to the worst offenders," he said, adding that similar actions were imminent in other major cases.

(From ARRL Members only Web Site)



The PREZ SEZ

Hello Phil-Monsters. Events planned for the upcoming year so far are June Field Day, the August Club Picnic, and in November the club's 50th birthday party. There will be a questionnaire in the Blurb about the 50th birthday party, so please fill it out and return it right away.

The club raffle is now in full swing. Steffie, KE3ZY, had the tickets on sale at the club Auction and sales went well. If every member bought at least one ticket it would help support the club picnic. If you would like to take 5 or so tickets to sell to hams at other clubs, etc., please see me and I will be glad to set you up with a book or so of tickets. Tickets are \$10.00 each and there are only 200 available. The radio is one of the new Kenwood 144/440 with the built in APRS software and TNC. Let's all pull together once again on this one and maybe the picnic will be free this year if we sell all 200 tickets! To purchase tickets see Steffie, KE3ZY at the meetings or mail a check made out to P.M.R.C for \$10.00 per ticket with a S.A.S.E. to P.O. Box 88, Abington, PA 19001.

We now have an Assistant Secretary. William, W3RED, has volunteered to help out Art. We all wish Bill a successful term.

The Auction this year was WOW! What a fun time. Even with the poor weather there was a great turnout and almost everything that was there was auctioned off. There were plenty of good deals and lots of fun was had by all who braved the weather. Of course, it could have been the 7 dozen doughnuts that brought all the folks out (there were none left). After all the expenses were paid, the club made \$470.20. If you did not make it this year there is always next year. I would like to thank the following members who performed Auction support duties: Mike, K2BN, Alice, WA2BTB, Ed, KB3IV, Steve, WU3I and Charley, K3CJ.

This month's BIG THANK YOU for working behind the scenes has to go to Gary, N3WPE. For those of you who don't know Gary or what he does for Phil-Mont, Gary makes all the Club Badges, and a fine job he does.

The Pizza party is coming up at the March meeting. More details in next month's Blurb. Till next month... 73 de Russ, W3CH

Federal Communications
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1270 Fairfield Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Internet: <http://www.fcc.gov>
License Information

UPCOMING

Feb. 3 Directors' Meeting at N3DHI

Feb. 4 License Examinations at The Franklin Institute

Feb. 10 General meeting - W3AOK "Surveillance Toys"

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

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Russ Stafford, W3CH

Phone: (610)631-3401 ext. 902

Packet: w3ch@w3ch.#sepa.pa.usa.noam
E-mail: w3ch@hdj.com

The MS Thank -you Pizza Party will be held on March 10, 1999

The WALK on April 18 and May 2

The Chester County Challenge will be held on May 16, 1999

The PA Dutch in Lancaster County will be held on June 12, 1999

The MS City to Shore will be held on September 25 and 26, 1999

Brian's Run will be held in December of 1999

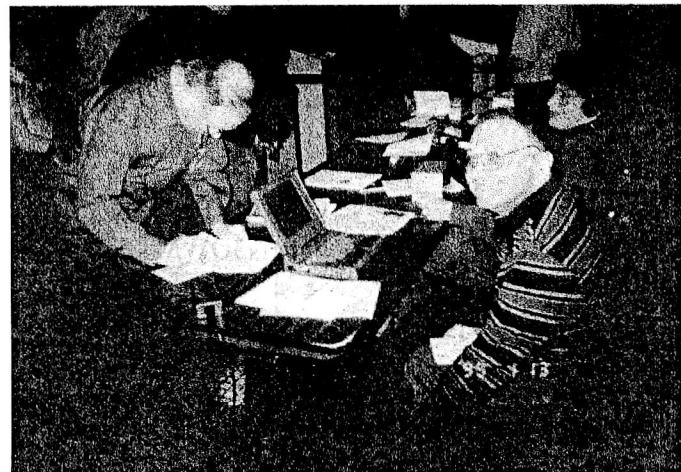


VE Test Locations

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must show two other types of ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 1999 test fee is \$6.45; there is no charge for a Novice test.

- **THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE**
Monthly, 1st Thursday—Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q
215- 879-0505 day, 215- 448-1139 24-hours
- **BELLMAWR, NJ**
Diane Nafis
609-227-6281
- **BRISTOL**
George LeNoir
215-943-4886
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David L. Heller, 215-946-1040
- **LINWOOD, PA**—(Commercial & Amateur Exams.)
Russ Stafford, W3CH
610-631-3401 x902
- **TELFORD**
Joseph Burgess
215-723-6697
- **UNIVERSITY OF PA**
Jeff DePolo
215- 898-8538 shack, 215-337-7383 home
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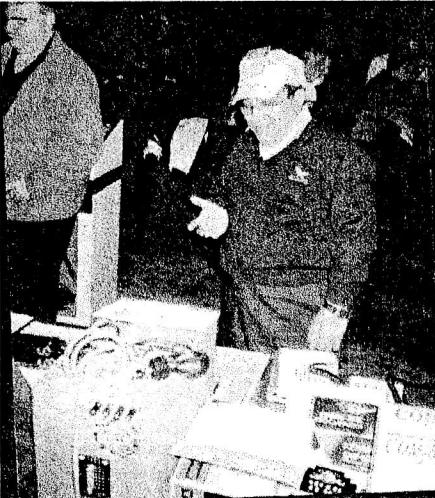


K2BN collects the money



WU3I and W3CH select an item to auction

Third Annual



N3OWM surveys items for sale

W3AOK selects an item from the refreshments



Minutes

DECEMBER DIRECTORS' MEETING

Carol Sebzda, N3PVO, Secretary



The January Directors' Meeting was opened by Russ (W3CH). The following Officers and Directors were in attendance: Russ (W3CH), Charlie (AA3EP), Mike (K2BN), Carol (N3PVO), Steve (WU3I), Dick (W3RM), Ed (KB3IV), and Gene (N3XKE). The following committees reported.

TREASURER - Mike (K2BN) reported this was the last report for 1998. We had \$36.00 in receipts and spent \$246.00 with a net change in funds of -\$210.00 for the month of December. Although the W3AA fund did end up in the negative, overall the treasury will end up positive for the year.

REFRESHMENTS - Steve (WU3I) reported Bill (W3AOK) would not be available to bring the refreshments for the General Meeting. Charlie (AA3EP) accepted the duty.

AUCTION - Final plans and arrangements for the auction were discussed.

W3AA - Discussions were held on the future of W3AA.

MEMBERSHIP - Russ (W3CH) reported we had 2 applicants to vote on for membership, Bob Duran (N3ZRR) and Peter Grace (KB3DFQ). A motion was made and approved to accept the applicants into membership. Welcome to Phil-Mont. Bob and Peter.

OLD BUSINESS - Dick (W3RM) brought up the status of the 501 (3C) filling. After a discussion, it was agreed by the Board, to make the necessary changes in the Club By-laws, amend the Club's Article of Incorporation and file the application papers.

NEW BUSINESS - Jim (W3BBB) is soliciting ideas for the Club's 50th Anniversary which will occur November 1999. A questionnaire will be included in your Blurb. A decision will be made upon review of the questionnaires. Jim (W3BBB) also reported Chris (N3IEI) has agreed to help assist in making a new documentary on the repeater. Russ (W3CH) reported he had received email from Art (N3LCV) stating he would not be able to fulfill the duties of Club Secretary, therefore we need to find someone to take his place.

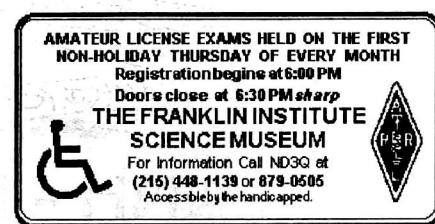
With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 10:00 p.m. by Russ (W3CH). Thanks to Jim (W3BBB) and Elaine for hosting the meeting.

Come to a Phil-Mont meeting,
and see what all the talk is about!

THE W 3 A A REPORT

The International Voice of The Franklin Institute Science Museum

Internet: <http://www.fi.edu/tfi/exhibits/w3aa.html>



Please contact Jen Seva Kutch at 448-2195 by no later than Wednesday of the date you wish to attend. The requested hours are 7-10, but you may spend more time if you wish.

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Registration begins at 6:00 PM
Doors close at 6:30 PM sharp

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For Information Call ND3Q at
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Accessible by the handicapped.



The February Camp-in's are as follows:

Friday 2/5*;
Saturday 2/6;
Friday 2/12;
Saturday 2/13;
Friday 2/19*;
Saturday 2/20*;
Friday 2/26
Saturday 2/27.

(* denotes all female night)

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Membership Applications

Call: N3ZRR

Name: Bob Duran

Nickname: Bob

Class: Tech

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Occupation: VP Credit

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Business phone:

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Packet:n3zrr@w3ch.#sepa.pa.usa.noam

Committees: Skywarn and Youth

Call: KB3DFQ

Name: Peter Grace

Nickname: Peter

Class: Tech

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PA 19403-8210

Occupation: Student

Home phone: 610-539-8708

Business phone:

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Packet:kb3dfq@w3ch.#sepa.pa.usa.noam

Committees: Skywarn and Youth

The above two (2) applications are being reprinted again this month. The Editor messed things up last month. These two Hams have already been approved for membership.



Membership Applications

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Nickname: Rich
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Business phone: 610-519-7483
E-mail: n3xy@aol.com
Packet:
Committees: Membership and VE

Call: KB3BYT
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Nickname: Bob
Class: T+
Address: 12 W. Front St., Jim Thorpe, Pa 18226
Occupation: Computer Programmer
Home phone: 717-325-2527
Business phone: 717-315-1071 (pager)
E-mail: roomberg@ptd.net
Packet:
Committees:

Call: KB3CWH
Name: Andrew Roomberg
Nickname: Andrew
Class: T+
Address: 12 W. Front St., Jim Thorpe, Pa 18226
Occupation: Student
Home phone: 717-325-2527
Business phone:
E-mail: roomberg@ptd.net
Packet:
Committees:

Call: WA3KIO
Name: Fredric L. Rice
Nickname: Fred
Class: Extra
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Home phone: 215-673-2854
Business phone: 215-457-0400
E-mail:
Packet:
Committees: Archives, Repeater, VE

Minutes

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING
Carol Sezda, N3PVO, Secretary

The 583rd General Meeting of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club was opened at 7:50 p.m. by Russ (W3CH).

MEMBERSHIP - Russ (W3CH) welcomed one of our newest members, Peter (KB3DFQ).

WELCOME - 78 people were in attendance.

Anxious to get on with the Auction, the formal meeting was closed at 7:51 p.m. by Russ (W3CH). Hope to see you all at next month's General Meeting. α



K3KNH - Irwin Miller

SOME 1999 HAMFESTS

FEB. 13 — Westfield, NY
 FEB. 20 — near Horseheads, NY
 MAR. 20 — Lewisburg
 MAR 21 — Trenton, NJ
 MAR. 27-28 — Timonium, MD
 APRIL 24 — Harmony, NJ
 MAY 2 — Wrightstown, PA
 JUNE 4- 6 — Rochester, NY
 JUNE 12 — Bloomsburg, PA
 JUNE 12 — Cortland, NY
 JULY 3 — Wilkes-Barre, PA
 JULY 11 — Kimberton, PA
 AUG. 7 — Lewistown, PA
 SEP. 11 — Erie, PA
 SEP. 12 — Butler, PA
 SEP. 18 — Hamburg, NY
 SEP. 25 — Horseheads, NY
 SEP. 26 — Bowie, MD
 OCT. 3 — Pack Rats - PA

**Phil-Mont Members
Violate FCC Rules**

You know that old saying, "people who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones?" The following violations by Phil-Monters have been noted on 147.03.

1. Failing to ID after 10 minutes and at the end of a conversation.
 2. Totally unidentified transmissions like keying to change the Voice ID to CW. Although the above, in most cases, are harmless, not IDing is a big thing with the FCC. Remember, any time you transmit anything, including kerchunking the repeater, you must ID that transmitter within 10 minutes of a key up. The FCC has stepped up its enforcement of the rules and is now starting to do a fine job. Don't get tagged over something as simple as not IDing.

73, the Eavesdropper

DX News

From: ARRL Members Only Web site
 This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by Tedd, KB8NW, the OPDX Bulletin, The Daily DX, DXNS and Contest Corral from QST. Thanks to all.
 VIETNAM, 3W. Coly, 3W5FM, has been trying CW on 3790 khz between 1200 and 1215z daily. QSL via UA0FM.
 CROATIA, 9A. Ante, 9A4DU, Nick, 9A6DX and Zoran, 9A4NC, will be active using CW and SSB as homecalls/p from Mljet Island, IOTA EU-016 until January 25. QSL to home calls.
 EASTER ISLAND, CE0. CE0/JA7KXD is QRV using CW and SSB on 40 to 10 meters. His length of stay is unknown. QSL to home call.
 AUSTRAL ISLANDS, FO. Wulf, DL1AWI, and Mat, DL5XU, are QRV as FO0AWI and FO0XUU, respectively, from Rurutu, IOTA OC-050, and Nuku Hiva, Marquesas Islands, IOTA OC-027, until February 5. QSL both calls via DL5AWI.
 CROZET ISLAND, FT5W. Look for Gilles to be QRV as FT5WH on 14190 khz from 1800 to 2000z. Check also 14278 at 1700z and 21170 khz just before 1400z.
 ECUADOR, HC. Paul, DL6FBK, is QRV until February 3 as HC/DL6FBK, using CW and SSB on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. QSL to home call.
 OGASAWARA ISLANDS, JD1. Aki, JD1AMA, is QRV on 80 meters SSB from 2100 to 2300z.
 ANTARCTICA. LZ0A is active on 30 to 15 meters from Livingstone Island, IOTA AN-010. QSL via LZ1KDP.
 BRAZIL, PY. Special Event Station ZW7CC is QRV until January 24 from Fort

Thank You Phil-Mont

Hello Mike (K2BN):

I wish to extend my sincere "Mahalo!" to the members of the Philmont Mobile Radio Club for allowing me to continue receiving the Blurb & also for extending me the courtesy of membership (Ed: Subscription)

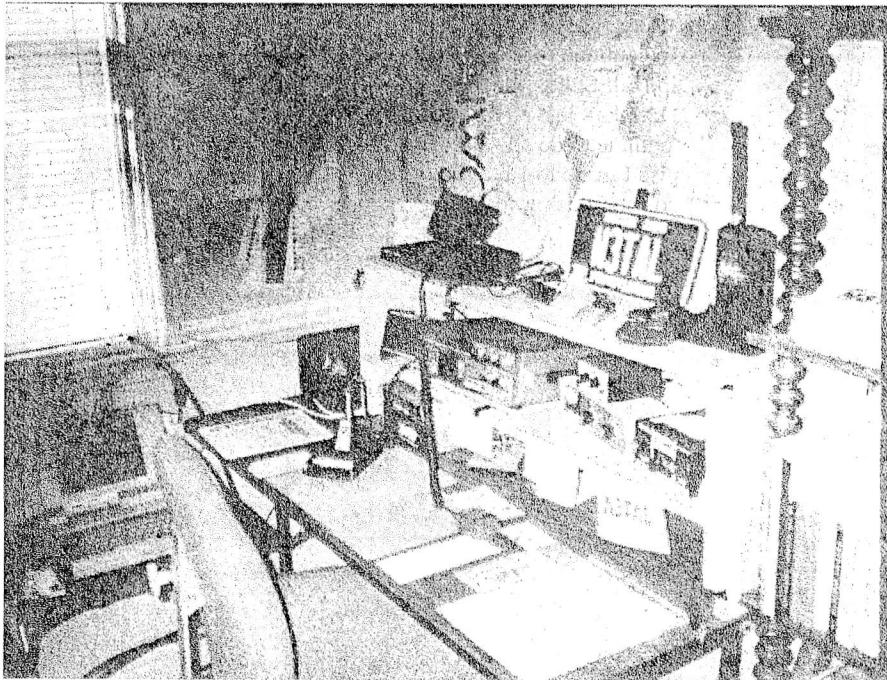
I am enclosing two (2) checks - just as Butch always did; one for 99 dues & one for the W3AA Fund. I will continue to do so - with your permission, for as long as I am able, in keeping of the promise I made to Butch!

Again - "thank you!" so very much .. for all the joy, the pride & the feeling of accomplishment that Butch experienced through his association with Philmont. God Bless!!!

Respectfully,
 Edward Miller



Show and Tell



This is the Shack of N3TAL. It is a beginner's first attempt. It was done on a limited budget with almost all material purchased used.

The HF rig is a Kenwood TS-430S with the PS-30 power supply. It runs into an Inverted V Trap Dipole at about 50 feet. I use a Dentron Junior Antenna tuner and Heathkit Reflected Power Meter. An MFJ Econo Keyer II and a Vibroplex key complete the HF package.

For VHF I have a 25 watt Icom IC-27A Mobile Radio. It goes into a Ringo Ranger at 35 feet. My TNC is a Kantronics KPC-3 and I use a 386 laptop for packet. I have a Kenwood TH-215A Ht that I use in my car. I'm still looking for a 2 meter mobile mount for the car.

As soon as I upgrade from a Tech Plus I will get into SSTV.

(This is the first in a series of descriptions of the Shacks of members of Phil-Mont. Be proud of your shack send in a photo and description to the editor. If you don't have a photo call and we will help you out.)

Santa Caterina, by a group of Scouts from Paraiiba. Activity will be CW and SSB on all bands. QSL via PR7RT.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, T9. Edin, T97M, is very active using the digital modes RTTY, Amtor and Pactor. QSL via K2PF.

AUSTRALIA, VK. Look for stations AX1TX and AX4EJ to be QRV January 26 to celebrate Australia Day. QSL AX1TX via K1WY and AX4EJ via VK4EJ.

ANGUILLA, VP2E. Bill, W5SJ, is QRV until February 1 as VP2ESJ using CW and SSB. He expects to be active in the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest. QSL to home call. CHAGOS ISLANDS, VQ9. Ron, AA5DX will sign VQ9DX from Diego Garcia beginning around January 25 for 4 months. QSL to home call. Pres, N6SS, is QRV as VQ9SS on 160 meters between 1335 and 1515z. QSL to home call. Ω

Some Of The Top 20 Signs That You Are From Philly

20. Your favorite dessert is wooder ice. It comes in churry, strawburry, and other assorted flavors.

19. Find yourself using "Yo and Youse guys" when talking long distance.

(more next month - from Jack Haring)

FCC Issues 5 MHz Experimental License to ARRL

The FCC has issued an Experimental Radio Service license to the ARRL to permit two-way tests in the vicinity of 5 MHz, the most likely site of the next amateur HF band. The license, bearing the call sign WA2XSY, was issued January 8. A group of 15 current amateurs in various parts of the US and the Caribbean will conduct experimental, two-way RTTY and SSB transmissions within the band 5.100 to 5.450 MHz. To avoid interfering with existing services, the participants will confine their operations to the least-populated 50-kHz segment.

"The idea is to show that an amateur allocation there will improve our emergency communication capabilities by filling the gap between the 3.5 and 7.0 MHz bands," said ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ. Sumner pointed out that several of the participants are phone net members in the Caribbean and Gulf area who frequently handle hurricane-related traffic and now must alternate between 75 meters and 40 meters.

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